

[McFarland]

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Small Metal Mining Questionnaire

TOPIC:

COUNTY: Mineral

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Miners at Work

1. Name of mine: McFarland #1; McFarland #2; and Amended South Fork.
2. Type of mine (placer, quartz, etc.): Placer
3. Approximate distance from Superior: 15 miles
4. Location (locate as closely as possible with reference to creeks, gulches, towns, roads, etc.):

About four miles southwest of Quarts post office; in McFarland Gulch, a tributary of Quartz Creek, at the base of St. Patrick's Mountain. On a road branching from the Quartz-Rivulet road.

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5. Principle components of ore (gold, silver, lead, zinc):

Gold

6. Number of men employed: Usually three or four

7. Name of person in charge of work at mine: Harmon J. Bennett has always been in charge.

8. Miscellaneous data:

The property is owned by a banker, C. S. Backus, of St. Petersburg, Florida. It went bankrupt in 1938, and is expect to be put up for sheriff's sale soon. However, it has been worked for years, and considerable gold has been taken out.

9. Source of information (give location of document or name and address of persons interviewed):

(Mining Locations," Book D, page 453; Harmon J. Bennett, formerly the mine foreman, Superior Montana; Adam Thielan, Superior, Montana, operator or the Ohio Gulch Placer Mine, adjoining the McFarland group.